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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Leslye Krutko

SUBJECT: PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT III **DATE:** 11/14/06

Approved

Date

11/15/06

INFORMATION

On Wednesday, December 6, 2006, the Housing Department, in cooperation with the County's Office of the Homeless Coordinator and over 20 nonprofit service agencies, is sponsoring the City's third Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will take place at Parkside Hall, which is located at 180 Park Avenue, at the corner of Market Street.

Project Homeless Connect is a coordinated effort of the City's Housing Department, the County, and over 20 nonprofit service organizations to connect the City's homeless and at-risk population to a range of medical, housing, social and general assistance, legal information and emergency and transitional housing information and units.

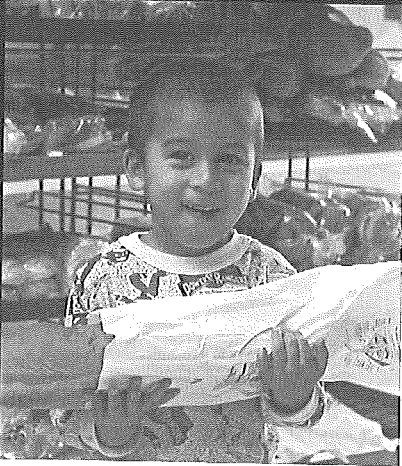
The City's first two Project Homeless Connect events have been great achievements – over 900 individuals, including families, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness were provided direct services and information on the spot and over 400 residents and employees from corporations such as IBM and Netflix have volunteered. Project Homeless Connect has become an important step in the City's 10-Year Plan to end chronic homelessness. Key to this long-term effort is the support from the community, public, nonprofit, and corporate sectors of our City and the Silicon Valley in raising awareness and commitment to end homelessness. Since our last PHC event, the United Way of Silicon Valley has become an institutional partner by becoming the fiscal agent thus facilitating contributions from private businesses and individuals.

We will be honored if you will join us on the morning of the event by 8:30 AM for the official kick-off, which will include a pep rally and welcome for the volunteers at 9:00 AM. Attached is background information about Project Homeless Connect and the services that will be available through this coordinated effort. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 535-3851.

LESLYE KRUTKO
Director of Housing

Attachments





SAVE the DATE

The City of San José and
the County of Santa Clara
Help the Homeless - *GET CONNECTED*

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Wednesday, December 6, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Parkside Hall - 180 Park Avenue & Market Street San José
(Next to the Civic Auditorium)

Project Homeless Connect is a City of San José effort to assist the chronically homeless population on the road to self-sufficiency by providing a concentration of medical, mental health, housing information, financial assistance, veteran services and an array of other services.

For more information please call,
408.451.4001
or visit www.collabsc.org

Hope to see you there!



**NATIONAL
PROJECT
HOMELESS
CONNECT**



"This is the beginning of a new way to address homelessness . . . Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop shop to deliver real services to people experiencing real homelessness in our community. But this is also about a commitment to move from simply managing homelessness towards really ending homelessness."

- Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak

NATIONAL PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT WEEK 2006

December 4 - 8, 2006

- **Project Homeless Connect (PHC)** is a one day event sponsored by Mayors and other community leaders and designed to provide housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient one-stop model for people experiencing homelessness. More than 35 cities have replicated this model.
- From its origins in San Francisco, **Project Homeless Connect** has been identified by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) as an innovation that mobilizes civic will to end homelessness. Communities can replicate this model to move people more quickly toward housing and stability and to help further the goals of their 10-Year Plans. Cities from Portland to Miami have engaged in Project Homeless Connect events.
- **Project Homeless Connect** is similar in spirit and substance to the successful one-stop service centers organized by volunteers in communities across the country to assist Hurricane Katrina evacuees.
- **Project Homeless Connect** events vary in size, content and frequency in each community, but share a common intent – to remedy the homelessness of their neighbors. Events also serve as a catalyst for community involvement, generating new energy and commitment to end homelessness and solutions that produce results. PHC gives people and organizations who have never been involved in homelessness before a way to make a difference.

"Project Homeless Connect, the one-day homeless aid fair that began small a year ago in San Francisco, went national . . . more than 6,000 homeless people in 21 cities from Nashua, N.H., to Hollywood had been fed, massaged and helped into welfare services or housing."

-Kevin Fagan, San Francisco Chronicle 12/9/05

Join Project Homeless Connect 2006:

The Interagency Council will convene several national conference calls to support cities planning **2006 National Project Homeless Connect** participation. Calls will convene every 2 weeks starting in August to share best practices, common questions, and more.

For more information on conference calls, send an email to: usichevents@usich.gov.

"Instead of serving homeless people endlessly, our mission is to end their homelessness."

- Philip F. Mangano, USICH Executive Director